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Please amend the specification as follows:

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1. At page 2, lines <sup>7-14</sup>~~13-21~~:

One of the technologies underlying the World Wide Web is the prospect of using component software technology - the idea of breaking large, complex software applications into a series of pre-built and easily developed, understood, and changed software modules called components -- as a means to deliver software solutions much more quickly and at a lower cost ~~(source: DCOM: A Business Overview, online at <http://www.microsoft.com/ntserver/guide/dcom.asp>)~~. The goal is to achieve economies of scale for software deployment across the industry.

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2. At page <sup>20</sup>~~31~~, line <sup>13</sup>~~8~~, through page <sup>21</sup>~~32~~, line 16:

The Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM) is a Microsoft model for distributed object computing. Within the DCOM environment, a remote DCOM Client Application 486 can make a request. The DCOM client 486 can be any type of client, including a Visual Basic client, a C++ client, or a Web Browser with Active